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Applicant wishes to note for the record an error in the Declaration and Power of Attorney filed in the above-referenced case.

As noted in the first paragraph of the application, the application herein claims priority based on a foreign application. The Declaration and Power of Attorney fails to indicate this claim of foreign application priority by the notation "NONE." Such was clearly an oversight and should have indicated the same foreign application as claimed in the first paragraph of the application, i.e., European Patent Application 01102374.4 filed 2/2/01.

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